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PETITION FOR CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT FROM THE ORDER OF UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, CASE NO. 75-1226

1. Copies of the opinion of the Court of Appeals in the United States District Court are contained in the Appendix.

2. Jurisdiction

a) The date of the judgment sought to be reviewed is September 11, 1975.

b) This Honorable Court has jurisdiction over this federal question under the due process law of the fifth amendment to the constitutional provision for extradition and under

28 U.S.C. Section 2241.

3. Questions presented for review

a) Whether the district court and the Court of Appeals erred in not granting the Writ of Habeas Corpus to correct an abuse of the extradition process constituting a violation of due process where the purpose of the extradition request is not for the purpose of having petitioner stand trial for the crimes charged in the indictments issued by the demanding state, but rather to gain control of the person of the petitioner in the demanding state in order to subject him to processes of law for which he could not and was not extradicted, to wit: to compel him to appear before a legislative or executive committee or other tribunal in connection with matters not related to the indictments.

b) Whether the District Court of Appeals erred in not requiring or allowing an evidentiary hearing to be held on the question of the abuse on the extradition proceeding.

c) Whether the District Court and the Court of Appeals erred in not allowing Petitioner to utilize discovery to prove the abuse of the extradition proceeding.

d) Whether the District Court and Court of Appeals erred in determining that petitioner was a fugitive within the meaning of the Constitution and the extradition statute.

e) Whether the District Court and Court of Appeals erred in failing to determine whether the indictment failed to state an offense or was void as violative of due process under the Constitution.

4. Constitutional provisions and statutes which the case involves:

a) Article 4 Section 2 of U.S. Constitution:

> "A person charged in any state with treason, felony or other crime, who shall flee from justice and be found in another state, shall on demand of the executive authority from the state from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the state having jurisdiction of the crime.

b) Amendment 5 to the Constitution of the United States:

> "No person shall. . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. . . ."

c) 19 Pa. Statute Sec. 191.3

5. Statement of the Case.

Petitioner was indicted by an Essex County, New Jersey grand jury for three charges arising out of allegations that in Newark, New Jersey he submitted a false transcript, under oath, evidencing that he was a graduate of Delaware

University, as part of an application for a New Jersey engineering license. The indictments set forth that the first crime was committed on April 30, 1970, the second between April 30, 1970 and February 17, 1971, and the third between October 28, 1970 and February 17, 1971.

On March 27, 1973, a request was made for rendition by the State of New Jersey to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Petitioner resides in Pennsylvania, and has his business in Pennsylvania. A warrant was issued by Pennsylvania, and petitioner was arrested pursuant to that warrant. Petitioner applied for habeas corpus to the courts of Pennsylvania, and relief was denied. He appealed the decision to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, which affirmed, and petitioned for review to the Supreme

Court, which denied review.

He then sought habeas corpus relief in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which refused to conduct an evidentiary hearing or allow discovery, and which denied relief. See Exhibit A. An appeal was taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which affirmed the decision of the District Court. Exhibit B.

Petitioner averred in his petition for habeas corpus before the District Court that the State of New Jersey was seeking his extradition, not for the purpose of trying him on the indictments, but for the purpose of bringing him into New Jersey to subject him to legal process and compulsion for the purpose

of bringing him before legislative or executive committees or other tribunals to compel him to testify on matters not related to the charges in the indictment. It was averred that this was a violation of the extradition clause of the Constitution and a violation of due process of law. Although petitioner requested an evidentiary hearing to prove the averment, no hearing was ever allowed.

Petitioner had raised the same issue in the state court in his petition for allocatur, or petition for review, to the state Supreme Court. Petitioner had not raised the issue in the state trial court and no evidentiary hearing

was ever had on this issue in the state courts.

In the state court proceedings petitioner stipulated that he had been within the state of New Jersey on unrelated business on dates within the time period stated in the second and third indictments, but had not been in New Jersey on any date specifically listed in the indictments.

6. JURISDICTION

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania had jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 2241 Constitution; Amendment V, U.S. Constitution. See Sokol, Federal Habeas Corpus, § 4.2C, page 45 (2d Rev. Ed. 1969).

7. ARGUMENT

I. The District Court erred in not granting the writ of Habeas Corpus

to correct an abuse of the extradi-process.

A prisoner, in testing the legality of extradition proceedings through habeas corpus, may test the motivation or purpose of the extradition, to insure that the extradition for a criminal charge is not a pretext to remove him to another jurisdiction for a purpose other than that within the intendment of the Constitution and applicable statutes. Commonwealth ex rel. Spivack v. Heinz, 141 Pa. Super. 158, 14 A.2d 875 (1940); Chatham v. State, 248 So. 2d 768 (Ala. Cr. App. 1971); see also Kerr v. Illinois, 119 U.S. 436 (1886); cf. Holiday vs. Johnston, 313 U.S. 342, 351 (1951); Yick Wo v. Hopkins, 118 U.S. 356, 373-374 (1886); Walker v. Johnson, 312 U.S. 275, 285

(1941); United States v. Falk, 479 F.2d 616 (7th Cir. 1973); Kostic v. Smedley, 15 Cr. L. 2213 (Alaska, May 10, 1974.

II. The District Court erred in not holding an evidentiary hearing.

A petitioner seeking to establish the illegality of his detention for extradition may be permitted to prove the facts which establish the illegality of his detention at a hearing conducted a part of the habeas corpus proceeding. Holiday v. Johnston, 313 U.S. 342, 351, (1941); Peyton v. Rowe, 391 U.S. 54, 58 (1968); Walker v. Johnson, 312 U.S. 275, 285

(1941) ("If an issue of fact is presented the practice appears to have been to . . . hold a hearing at which the evidence is received. This is, we think, the only admissible procedure.").

District Court erred in determining that petitioner was held under state custody within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. Section 2241 (c) (2). One leading commentator has stated "The sounder view is that extradition falls under Section 2241 (c) (1)." Sokol, Fed. Habeas Corpus, Sec. 4.2 P. 46 (2nd Rev. Ed. 1969). See also ex parte Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet, 3 McLean 121 (1842); Kentucky vs. Dennison, 65 U.S. (24 HOW) 66 (1860). The act of returning a prisoner from the asylum state to the demanding

state is done under the sovereignty of the United States. 366 (1872). The state and Federal Courts possess concurrent jurisdiction and Habeas Corpus extradtition proceedings. See U.S. ex rel Darcy vs. Superintendent of County prisons, 111 F.2d 409 (3rd cir. 1940), cert. denied, 311 U.S. 662. Accordingly a de novo hearing was required in the District Court.

III. The District Court erred in denying petitioner discovery.

The Federal courts may utilize discovery procedures to determine the factual issue of denial of due process of law and the abuse or misuse of the extradition procedure. Harris v. Nelson, 394 U.S. 286 (1969).

IV. The District Court erred in

finding that petitioner was a fugitive subject to extradition.

One of the elements required for extradition is that the subject must have been present in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the crime. Hyatt vs. New York, 188 U.S. 691 (1903). Herein, the use of an expanded period of time by the use of broad date brackets is a subterfuge to cover petitioner's casual business trips to New Jersey. This practice must be considered a mere avoidance of the requirements of Hyatt, and the rule, to avoid this problem, should require that presence was on a date where an alleged act in furtherance of the crime took place.

V. The District Court erred in finding that the indictment stated an offense.

In an extradition habeas corpus proceeding the court must look to see if the indictment states an offense. Burke v. State, 265 A.2d 489 (Me. 1970); Commonwealth ex rel. Kelly v. Santo, 436 Pa. 204, 259 A.2d 456 (1969). Where the indictments aver that the crime took place over a broad time span they violate due process of law, and do not state an offense.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Honorable Court grant this Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

HARVEY L. ANDERSON, ESQ.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

(D.C. Civil Action No.74-2140)

Argued September 11, 1975

Before: ALDISERT, GIBBONS and WEIS, Circuit Judges

JUDGMENT ORDER

After considering the contentions raised by appellant, to-wit, that the district court erred (1) in not granting the writ of habeas corpus to correct an abuse of the extradition process constituting a violation of Due Process; (2) in not holding an

evidentiary hearing; (3) in not allowing appellant discovery; (4) in finding appellant was a fugitive subject to extradition; and (5) in finding that the indictment under which appellant was charged stated an offense, it is

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED that the judgment of the district court be and is hereby affirmed.

Costs taxed against appellant.

BY THE COURT,

_____
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Certified as a true copy and issued in lieu of a formal mandate on October 3, 1975.

Test: Thomas F. Quinn

Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

ATTEST:

_____
Thomas F. Quinn, Clerk
DATED SEP. 11, 1975

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MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Newcomer, J. November 22, 1974.

The petitioner, Sylvester Campbell, is the subject of a demand for extradition made by the Governor of New Jersey and a warrant honoring that demand issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania pursuant to § 7 of the Uniform Extradition Act.[1]

Petit oner obtained a writ of habeas corpus from a state court, but this writ was dissolved by the court after a series of evidentiary

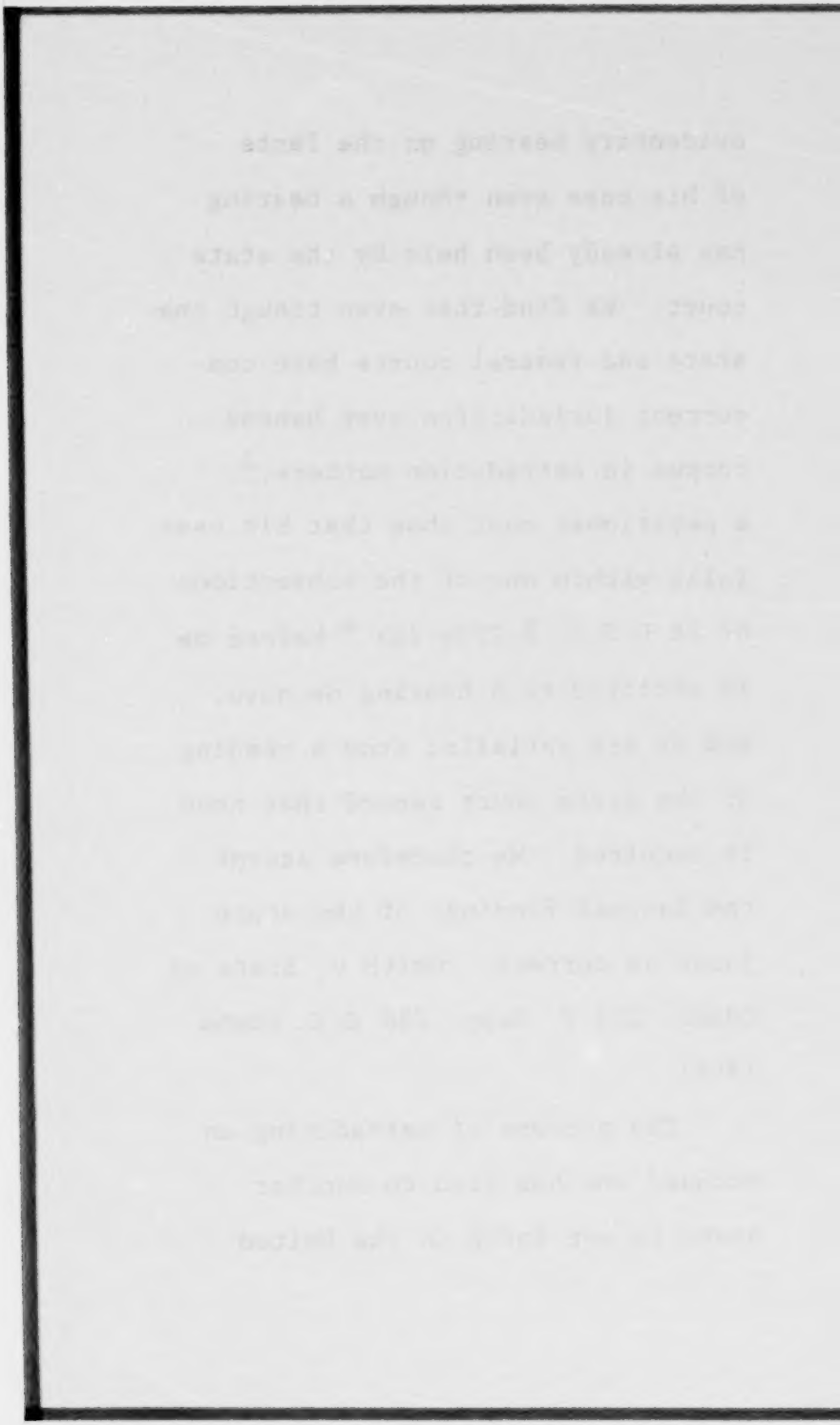
hearings and petitioner was ordered to be extradited. His appeals in the state courts proving unsuccessful, Campbell brought a writ of habeas corpus in this Court. Campbell argues that the authorities seeking his extradition[2] have the burden of showing that he was present in the demanding state at the time of the commission of the crime upon which the extradition demand is based, and that even if he admits that he was present in New Jersey on certain dates that fall within the time periods marked out in the indictment charging him, the authorities must showconnection between petitioner's presence and the crime charged where, as here, the indictment does not give specific dates but recounts that a crime was committed within a definite

but extended time period. Campbell also maintains that his indictment merely a pretext and that New Jersey is really seeking him in order to use him as a witness against his will. For the reasons discussed below, we reject these contentions and dismiss petitioner's writ.

Two preliminary questions must be dealt with before we can discuss the merits of this matter. First, respondent argues that petitioner cannot apply for a writ of habeas corpus because he is not in custody, having been released on bond pending extradition proceedings within the courts of Pennsylvania. We believe that the custody question has been resolved in petitioner's favor by the case of Hensley v. Municipal Court, 411 U.S. 345 (1973). Second, Campbell contends tha this Court should hold an

evidentary hearing on the facts of his case even though a hearing has already been held by the state court. We find that even though the state and federal courts have concurrent jurisdiction over habeas corpus in extradition matters,[3] a petitioner must show that his case falls within one of the subsections of 28 U.S.C. §§ 2254 (d) [4] before he is entitled to a hearing de novo, and we are satisfied from a reading of the state court record that none is required. We therefore accept the factual findings of the state judge as correct. Smith v. State of Idaho, 253 F. Supp. 228 (D.C. Idaho 1966).

The process of extraditing an accused who has fled to another state is set forth in the United



States Constitution, Article 4,

Section 2, clause 2:

> "A person charged in any state with treason, felony, or other crime who shall flee from justice, and be found in another state, shall, on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the state having jurisdiction of the crime."

This section has been implemented by a federal statute, 18, U.S. C. § 3182, and, in Pennsylvania, by the Uniform Extradition Act, 19 P.S. 191.1 et seq. Before an accused can be extradited under either statute, the following must be shown:

(i) that the subject of extradition is charged with a crime in the demanding state;

(ii) that the subject of the extradition is a fugitive from the demanding state;

(iii) that the subject of the extradition was present in the demanding state at the time the crime was committed;

iv) that the requisition papers are in Order. Commonwealth ex rel. Devault v. Kovach, 439 Pa. 96 (1970).

The state Judge found that Campbell was charged with a crime in New Jersey, that he was a fugitive from the state, and that the requisition papers were in proper order. The Judge also found that petitioner was in the state of New Jersey on various dates during which the indictment alleges the crime was committed. Thus the only question remaining[5] is the legal one of whether the Judge's finding that the state presented sufficient evidence to show that petitioner's presence at the time the alleged crimes were committed was correct.

The first count of the indictment states that petitioner committed the o fense of swearing a false oath on April 30, 1970. The subsequent wo counts allege that petitioner committed the offenses of obtaining

money by false pretense and uttering forged instruments "between, on or about the 30th day of April, and on or about the 17th day of February, 1971". The indictment itself constitutes a prima facie case for the state; however, the state court was further benefited by a stipulation entered into between the state and petitioner. According to this stipulation, petitioner was physically present in New Jersey on twenty-three distinct and separate dates between June 1, 1970 and February 17, 1971.

Petitioner argues that Hyatt v. New York, 188 U.S. 691 (1903) and In Re Gibson, 147 F. Supp. 591 (D.C. 1957) compel a showing that petitioner was in New Jersey on the specific date upon which the crime was supposedly committed. In Hyatt the Supreme Court

refused to allow extradition where the state conceded that the petitioner therein was not in the state at the various times when it was alleged in the indictment the crimes were committed; in fact, it was admitted that he was not present in the demanding state until eight days after the last offense was alleged to have been committed. The Court stated:

> "That the prosecution on the trial of such an indictment need not prove with exactness the commission of the crime at the very time alleged in the indictment is immaterial. The indictments in this case named certain dates as the times when the crimes were committed, and where. . . there is no proff, or offer of proof, to show that the crimes were in truth committed on some othe day than those named in the indictments, and that the dates therein named were erroneously stated, it is sufficient for the party charged to show that he was not in the state <u>at</u>

> the times named in the indictment. . . . the facts so proved are sufficient to show that the person was not in the state when the crimes were, if ever committed." 188 U.S. 711-12 (emphasis supplied).

In Gibson a district court granted a habeas writ where the indictment states that the subject of extradition committed an offense on "February __, 1946." The court found the indictment insufficient proof that the petitioner had been present in the state at the time of the offense.

These cases stand for the proposition that the evidence must show that the subject of the extradition demand was present in the demanding state at the times stated in the indictment; they do not establish the proposition that the indictments must set forth specific dates. The second and third counts of the

indictment naming Campbell state that the offenses were committed within a certain time period; the facts as stipulated to demonstrate that petitioner was in New Jersey within that time period. (Conversely, the stipulated facts demonstrate that petitioner was not present on the date specified in the first count). The governor has thus met the requirements of Hyatt and Gibson.

Petitioner argues that even if the indictment is sufficient to show presence, the wide span between the dates specified in the second and third counts violates due process. However, in order to determine the validity of this constitutional claim, this court would in effect be trying petitioner's case, something which it is forbidden

to do by the overwhelming weight of authority.[6] Ex parte Birdseye, 246 U.S. 657 (1918); Smith v. Gross, 2 F.2d 507, (5th Cir.), cert. den. 267 U.S. 610 (1924); In Re Bloch, 87 F.981 (D.C. Ark. 1898). Petitioner is free to raise this or any other defense in the New Jersey courts.

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ORDER

AND NOW, to wit, this 22nd day of November, 1974, the Court having considered the record of the proceedings in the Commonwealth Courts and the briefs of the parties, the petition of Sylvester J. Campbell for a writ of habeas corpus is hereby DENIED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Clarence C. Newcomer, J.

FOOTNOTES

[1]19 P.S. 191.1 et seq. (1941)

[2]Petitioner's habeas corpus writ was brought against the Governor of Pennsylvania in both state and federal court. However, in the second evidentiary hearing in state court, the case against petitioner was conducted principally by the Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey.

[3]United States v. Superintendent of County Prisons, 111 F.2d 409, (3rd Cir. 1940).

[4]. § 2254 (d) states:

"In any proceeding instituted in a Federal court by an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person is custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court, a determination after a hearing on the merits of a facutal issue, made by a State Court of competent jurisdiction in a

proceeding to which the applicant for the writ and the State or an officer or agent thereof were parties, evidenced by a written finding, written opinion, or other reliable and adequate written indicia, shall be presumed to be correct, unless the applicant shall establish or it shall otherwise appear, or the respondent shall admit --

(1) that the merits of the factual dispute were not resolved in the State court hearing;

(2) that the factfinding procedure employed by the State court was not adequate to afford a full and fair hearing;

(3) that the material facts were not adequately developed at the State court hearing;

(4) that the State court lacked jurisdiction of the subject matter or over the person of the applicant in the State court proceeding;

(5) that the applicant was an indigent and the State court, in deprivation of his constitutional right, failed to appoint counsel to represent him in the State Court proceeding;

(6) that the applicant did not receive a full, fair, and adequate hearing in the State court proceeding;

or

(7) that the applicant was otherwise denied due process of law in the state court proceeding;

(8) or unless that part of the record of the State court proceeding in which the determination of the

sufficiency of the evidence to support suph factual determination, is produced as provided for hereinafter, and the Federal court on a consideration of such part of the record as a whole concludes that such factual determination is not fairly supported by the record:

And in an evidentary hearing in the proceeding in the Federal Court, when due proof of such factual determination has been made, unless the existence of one or more of the circumstances respectively set forth in paragraphs numbered (1) to (7), inclusive, is shown by the applicant, otherwise appears, or is admitted by the respondent, or unless the court concludes pursuant to the provisions of paragraph numbered (8) that the record in the State court proceeding, considered as a whole, does not fairly

support such factual determination, the burden shall rest upon the applicant to establish by convincing evidence that the factual determination by the State court was erroneous.

[5]Petitioner has alleged that the motive of the New Jersey Executive in indicting him and seeking his extradition was not to obtain his conviction but to secure him as a witness in a criminal investigation. This issue was not raised below, but it would nevertheless be improper for us to consider this contention since a court on habeas corpus may not inquire into the motive behind the extradition demand. United States v. Superintendent of County Prisons, 111 F.2d 409 (3rd Cir. 1940).

[6]It would also be premature for this Court to rule on the constitutional validity of the indictment, since any vagueness could possibly be cured by a bill of particulars or discovery on defendant's part.

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